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Subject: Re: [pair] About that new E-Patent Reference Tool...

At 03:02 PM 12/17/2003, Back, Timothy wrote:

For this reason, we would like the E-Patent Reference Tool to be upgraded to take advantage of this functionality that is now available in JAVA. Our router and firewall configuration is not at all unique. We are certain that other enterprise-sized law firms will also benefit from this proposed upgrade.

I know that several USPTO people, including at least one USPTO person who is closely involved with the Reference Tool, are readers of this list. So I am confident your suggestion will reach the right people.

I am also told that budget uncertainties within the USPTO have made it difficult for USPTO to make plans for particular enhancements to PAIR. Only after the budget uncertainties are remedied will USPTO be able to get back on track with enhancing PAIR and other systems.

Have you tried GetIPDL? Maybe it can work through your proxy server, I haven't tried it.

I do suggest you pass along any comments to the address set forth in the Notice. I have forwarded your posting and my response to that address. Any additional comments you have should go to that address.

Comments concerning the E-Patent Reference feature should be in writing and directed to the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at the USPTO by electronic mail at eReference@uspto.gov or by facsimile to (703) 308-2840. Comments will be posted and made available for public inspection. To ensure that comments are considered in the evaluation of the pilot project, comments should be submitted in writing by January 15, 2004.